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**B1 — German Patent DE 296 10 435 U1**

DE 296 10 435 U1 teaches a variable pitch connector (a) that connects a sloped rafter (5) to a top plate (2) disposed cross-wise to the rafter (5). The connector has a rafter contact surface (32) that supports the rafter (5). The rafter contact surface (32) is supported by and connected to the top plate (2) by a u-shaped, base member (12) at one end, and an adjustable, supporting base member (52) and extension member 54 at the other end of the rafter contact surface (32).

The person making this certification is the practitioner who signs below on the basis of the information supplied by the inventor(s) and in the practitioner's file.

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